

Appl. No. 10/811,201
Amdt. dated October 11, 2005
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12-13 and 19-29 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 4, 12-13 and 19.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tholander (US Patent No. 4,595,039).

Claims 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tholander in view of Takegawa (US Patent No. 4,830,063).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 16-18. Applicants have also cancelled claims 2-11 and rewritten them as new claims 20-29 so that they now depend, either directly or indirectly, upon allowable claim 19. Thus, claims 20-29 are allowable for at least the reasons claim 19 is allowable.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application are now allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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